GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2152
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GM Pulses
Galla Shri Jayadev

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce GM pulses to boost output, regulate prices and make pulses available to the common man;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has received the recommendations from the Chief Economic Advisor to allow the cultivation of GM pulses in the country and if so, the response of the Government thereto; and
(d) the constraints being faced by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. Three proposals of insect resistant pigeon pea and chickpea have been received.

(c) No such recommendation has been received

(d) As per Rules for the manufacture, use/import/export and storage of hazardous microorganisms/ genetically engineered organisms or cells made under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986(Rules 1989), all Genetically Engineered (GE) products have to undergo elaborate food and environmental risk assessment through various tests and biosafety field research trials through a step by step process and the same may take 3 - 5 years.

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